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*Those who by prayer and alms, help
an apostle in his work and thus
increase the fruit of his labors, must
share in his reward.*

*The sacrifices undertaken by these
apostles to plant the seed of the Gospel,
the devotion of religious women in
school, orphanage and leper camp,
ought to excite our compassion and enlist
our financial aid. We realize that
the calls on the generosity of your
people are frequent for charities within
and outside the diocese as well as for
the upkeep of your parish institutions.
Yet, as the best use we can make of
a gift is to share it with others, so it
is true that they who communicate
faith to those who do not possess it,
find therein the best preservative of
faith in themselves.*—Bishop Nilan of
Hartford to his Clergy.

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MANY Catholic papers throughout
the country are showing an interest
in the beginnings of the American
Foreign Mission Seminary. Some, not
too many, have devoted editorials to it.

We were pleased to note in the gen-
erous editorial of *The Catholic Sentinel*
(Oregon), that Archbishop Ireland's
letter to the Seminary Directors has
been appreciated.

This letter gives a precious idea,—
the need of impressing our home
seminaries with the foreign mission
spirit.

An extract reveals this illustrious
prelate's mind.

*"I have always believed that one of the
surest incentives to priestliness of spirit I
could set before the pupils of my seminary
is the recital of deeds and trials of mission-
aries in heathenlands."*—Archbishop Ireland.

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**Join us in a great cause. Be
pioneers in this labor for souls.**

THE *Brooklyn Tablet* calls its readers' attention to the fact that the "poor are still the great helpers of the poor." Its remark is occasioned by the will of a recently deceased Catholic, an ex-mayor, who left nine million dollars to his wife and children and apparently nothing for any work of God. The *Tablet* adds:

"Cardinal Manning used to say: 'That was not a good will in which the name of God was omitted.' It is hard to understand the mind of a Catholic that could assign such a fortune to relations alone, at a time when our charities are crying out for support, and our poor Catholics in the foreign and domestic missionary fields are starving for financial help to keep a roof over their crumbling chapels."

The experience of all connected with foreign mission work bears out the *Tablet* in its comment. We are glad to say, however, that we have found Catholics, with money, who realize that they are, in God's sight, *dispensers* rather than absolute owners. In nearly every case the possession of considerable money was not a new experience. We have often said to ourselves: Give us either the satisfied poor or the well-to-do of several generations.

The aspiring are a difficult proposition for us all.

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DEFINITE news about the Chinese situation is quite impossible to get from our missionaries.

They all seem agreed, however, on the following points:

- (1) The revolutionary leaders are well-intentioned.
- (2) Order is far from being established and this unrest must continue for a long time to come.
- (3) The new republic is especially favorable to things American, and disposed to learn much from this country.
- (4) The Republican government will, so far as it can, protect Christians and encourage the spread of Christianity in any form.
- (5) The opportunity for the Catholic Church to impress herself upon the opening mind of China is supreme, and the advent of Catholic priests, brothers and nuns from America will be a splendid asset,—revealing the strength of Catholicity in this country and disabusing the Oriental mind of wrong impressions conveyed, consciously and unconsciously, by the various sects of Protestantism who now almost exclusively represent American Christianity.

CATHOLIC Germany is certainly giving us a splendid example of progressive work for missions to the heathen.

Following the gradual establishment of periodicals, preparatory schools, and seminaries devoted to the foreign missions they organized recently an *Institute for Mission Science Research*, under the presidency of a distinguished layman, the Prince of Löwenstein. The institute is now publishing at Münster a most interesting Quarterly called the *Catholic Mission Science Review*.—(*Zeitschrift für Missionwissenschaft*.)

It is good to feel that our fellow Catholics in Germany, with characteristic intelligence and far sightedness, are occupied with this vital subject. The mission-spirit is too necessary for the very life of the Church to allow the activities of its supporters to remain isolated and unorganized.

Catholics need not depend for success in the mission field exclusively upon material resources and numbers of toilers. *God giveth the increase*. But it is beyond the shadow of a doubt that greater success would have marked the heroic efforts of our missionaries, had the Catholics at home been instructed and their generosity stimulated by systematic organized effort.

The new movement in Germany deserves great praise. It will help considerably to make us realize the effect of mission work on the heathen and on the Church at home.

It will, we hope, open up new suggestions and give new light in many branches of human knowledge.

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OUR REFERENCES

THE splendid gift promised by His Eminence, Cardinal Farley,—five thousand dollars, our first foundation for the training of one student in perpetuity—arrived at Hawthorne on Holy Saturday. The following precious lines written by the Cardinal's own hand, accompanied the check:

Good Friday,
N. Y., 1912.

Enclosed please find check for \$5000, in accordance with my promise written you several weeks ago. This is to found a bursar in the New Foreign Mission Seminary, to bring to those in darkness the light of His Holy Gospel who, on this day, died for all mankind.

May God bless the hopes of yourself and your zealous confrère, Father Price; and, in His own good time, grant a rich harvest for heaven through the Foreign Missionary Seminary, which has been the object of my prayers for many years.

Praying for you both every Easter grace and joy, I am,

Very devotedly yours in Christ,

JOHN CARDINAL FARLEY,

Abp. of N. Y.

Recently at a public gathering in one of the New York churches, His Eminence expressed his earnest desire to see the Foreign Mission Seminary flourish. He said, as reported by Mgr. Dunn in the *Catholic News*:

"The two projects that I have always before me are the spreading of devotion of the Blessed Sacrament and the training school for priests for the foreign missions."

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MOST of our Catholic papers published the gratifying letter of his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, written for the Archbishops of this country, and expressing their special approval of our Seminary.

We desire to record this letter in THE FIELD AFAR files and we print it accordingly. It will doubtless also, find among our readers quite a few who have not yet had the pleasure of seeing it:

To Our Right Reverend Brethren in the Episcopate, to the Reverend Clergy, and to the Catholic Laity of the United States:—

We commend to your special patronage your newly-established Foreign Mission Seminary and its Reverend Directors, James A. Walsh and Thomas F. Price, who are preparing to receive their first students the coming fall.

This Seminary, which will be known as the Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary of America, is designed to meet a need of the Church universal,—the preparation of Catholic American priests to labor among the heathen, who, it is well to recall, number yet more than two-thirds of the human race.

The new work is a national one. The present directors, authorized last spring by the American hierarchy, received later, at Rome, the most cordial approbation of our Holy Father, and have since established their centre at Hawthorne, N. Y.

The time is undoubtedly ripe for this movement and the opportunity should be seized without delay. Political changes in heathen countries, especially in the Far East; interference with the sources of supply in France; the emergence of our own country from a missionary status; and the admitted prosperity of the American Church as a whole,—these are all strong reasons compelling not only our attention but our practical interest.

Nor will the Church at home suffer in consequence of this movement.

We need more priests here, but 'the arm of God is not shortened,' and we believe that the sacrifice of self-exiled American youth will arouse extra vocations for our own country.

We believe that this Seminary will be a distinct help to our clergy and laity, keeping before us all the sublime ideal of the apostolate. In an age when material comforts are fast running towards luxury it is well to strike this note of whole-hearted immolation for Christ and souls.

Other countries, not so well off as we, are already far ahead of us in this work for the heathen.

Holland, small as she is, counts within her borders some twenty foreign mission houses; Belgium has long been well supplied; Ger-

If you find a 'red hand' on page twelve, kindly order its removal before the next issue.



For All

WE enter on the month of the Sacred Heart, and again, as often before, the reflection comes, *Why don't we as Catholics, especially those of us who make profession of a special love for the Sacred Heart, realize more practically that the Heart of Jesus broke not for us alone, but for every child of man, including the Chinese, the Indian and the African?*

many is forming an over-increasing, and even now considerable, army of missionaries; and the Catholics of England, though few, are already provided with a national Seminary for foreign missions. France, crippled as she is, is struggling to keep up her generous supply.

We urge, then, and with insistence, that a whole-hearted co-operation be given to the priests who are zealously striving to set on foot what is bound to be, with God's grace, a most important spiritual enterprise,—one that cannot fail to bring upon the Church in this country many needed graces from Him who came to save all.

(Signed in the name of all)

JAMES CARD. GIBBONS,

President of the
Board of Archbishops.

*The Catholic University
Washington, D. C.,
April 18, 1912.*

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A bursar, or a share in one of our burses, may be paid in small sums sent occasionally at the benefactor's convenience. It may also be gathered from several members of a circle, a society, or a school.

OUR new Apostolic-Delegate has been through the first ordeal,—snap-shots, interviews and receptions. He stood it bravely but, after all, his preparation in a foreign mission seminary and his life in China, made us confident that he would come out unscathed.

The reporters asked him about every conceivable question bearing on current events, but we were especially interested to note his favorable comments on the Chinese Catholics, their faith and moral integrity.

Incidentally many remarked the warm place which his excellency evidently keeps in his heart for the foreign missions and all that pertains to them.

This spirit, following as it does the keen interest which Cardinal Falconio, Archbishop Bonzano's immediate predecessor, took in the same subject, cannot fail to stimulate the steady awakening of American Catholics to world-wide evangelization.

Already we have been privileged to receive from our new Delegate these few lines acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Cardinal Gibbons' letter to the hierarchy:

I am indeed well pleased to notice the great interest which your work has attracted among the clergy and people of the United States. I wish you all success in your labors, and it affords me much pleasure to send you and your work my special blessing.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Xto.,

* **John Bonzano,**

Archbishop of Melitene, Apostolic Delegate.

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FRESH TRIBUTE FROM THE HIERARCHY

I send a warm welcome to our Missionary College and regard it as an evidence of our own healthy Catholic condition.

I enclose a mite and only wish it were more. With best wishes for your success, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Xto.,

* **D. J. O'CONNELL, Bp. of Richmond.**

I enclose you a check for the good work, in which you know I am deeply interested. I would contribute, if it were possible, something of a sum sufficiently large to express my appreciation of this good work.

I know that you will accept the good-will for the deed, but with my offering, which I will send you from time to time, will be accompanied always my prayers and best wishes for the success of your splendid mission. Yours sincerely in Xto.,

* **JOSEPH G. ANDERSON.**

The opening of the "Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary of America" is a great step forward in the progress of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The noble object must meet with the approbation and encouragement of the clergy and laity; and, no doubt, many of those whom God has blessed with the goods of this world will show their encouragement by substantial aid. Wishing abundant blessings from above for this noble undertaking, I am,

Yours sincerely,

* **JAMES TROBEC, Bp. of St. Cloud, Minn.**

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
CHEYENNE, WYOMING.
May 18, 1912.

It is high time for America to heed the divine injunction: "Go ye into the whole world, preach the gospel to every creature." Even though the Western portion of our own country is in dire need of apostolic priests, this is no reason why the nation as a whole should turn a deaf ear to the cry of the pagans, who like the Celts of old, earnestly plead for missionaries to come and abide with them.

By advancing the work of evangelization in foreign lands, your Society will do much to stimulate the spread of Christianity at home.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ PATRICK A. MCGOVERN,
Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Having read the letter of commendation for your Mission Society by our three Cardinals and the Archbishops of this country, I feel keenly how humiliating it is not to be able to assist this greatest of works in a financial way. The money I can get hold of is expended in local church work, more especially in the establishment of a Central Catholic High School in this city.

You may rest assured that I am most willing to assist this foreign mission work in every way. My prayers of course are with it and I am confident that God will give you many friends who can in a substantial way make your Society a great success for God's glory and the salvation of the souls of the heathen people.

Believe me to be
Devotedly yours in Domino,

✠ H. J. ALERDING,
Bp. of Fort Wayne.

It gives me very great pleasure to add my commendation of the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America to those of other members of the hierarchy. There is no work of the Church comparable to that of assisting the foreign missions, especially when it goes to the extreme of giving oneself. This is the highest expression of zeal, and it cannot but bring blessings, not alone on those who are its direct beneficiaries, but also on the diocese and the country which encourage the work—not to speak of those who consecrate themselves to it. It is a glorious thing for America to have established a Foreign Missionary Seminary in the face of her own great need of priests for her missionary dioceses. This unselfishness will, I am confident, stir up a larger number of apostolic vocations for the Home Missions.

May God bless you for the hand you have had in this noble work!

Very sincerely yours,

✠ JOHN P. CARROLL,
Bishop of Helena, Montana.

OTHER WORDS OF GOOD WILL.

WE have no reason to complain for lack of evidence that the good will of American Catholics,—prelates, priests, and laity, is with us. We get regularly a satisfying share of this encouragement, which is always welcome and which we desire our readers to relish with us.

FROM PRIESTS.

"I only wish I could do more for you."

"Please accept a little contribution for your work from a newly ordained."

"I am enclosing a check of twenty-five dollars for the C. F. M. S. Apply it to any purpose you wish."

"I wish you God-speed in your work and hope that your Seminary will soon be in working order with a plentiful supply of neophytes to fill later on the vacant places on the mission."

"The work you are doing is one which appeals to every priest interested in extending the Vineyard of Our Lord. Do not hesitate to call upon me any time you are in need."

"I would be pleased if I could afford more. My salary here barely keeps me. You will have my poor prayers and remembrances in Holy Mass and the prayers of the good old people in the Home of the Aged."

—BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"The impressions of missionary life which I receive as a member of the Academia, I hope to keep for all time, because they are an incentive too truly priestly life."

—A BOSTON PRIEST.

"I hope and pray that God will bless the noble work in which you are engaged and that you will receive substantial aid from the clergy of New England as well as from those all over the country."

"Come down and see us. You are always welcome and also welcome to whatever the charity of the people here may give you."—
A Connecticut priest.

"I feel ashamed to enclose such a small mite, but it is the very best I can do at present. I will not forget you when the where-withal comes to me. I wish you every success—as you well know—in the noble work you are doing."

"I join with my brother priests in wishing you success and the blessing of God on your undertaking for His glory. If all the clergy of New England would help you a little it would amount to quite a sum, and I hope you will hear from them all. I am here ill with lung trouble and am anxious to return to my field of labor."

"Pardon my slowness in sending my small mite toward the grand good work you have set your heart to. I have been *hors de combat* all Lent and am now back at my desk. If in any small way I may be of help to you hereabouts, just command me. Come to see us when you steal a moment away."

"I would like to do something financially, but under the existing circumstances, up to this I could do nothing. Well, dear Father, I will keep on praying with my children every day, the Acts of Faith, Love, Hope and Contrition, for the Foreign Mission, and trust that God will touch the heart of someone who has the means to pour into your coffers the gold to help you in your work."

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FROM HERE AND THERE.

I am greatly interested in the splendid project of a Seminary for Foreign Missions. It is one of the occasions when I bitterly regret that my luckless stars do shut me up in wishes. I will try to do a little, as in the past, in the offering sometimes of Communications or Masses.

(Signed) ANNA T. SADLER.

"THE FIELD AFAR is certainly a 'live' paper. Every article is attractively presented, and the little paragraphs in italics are very effective. I look forward to reading my copy every other month, and I sincerely hope the circulation will reach the one hundred thousand mark in the very near future."

San Francisco.

"We hasten to tell you, dear Father, that no work is dearer to the daughters of Blessed Julie Billiart than the spread of the Gospel truths and we promise you to devote the prayers and labors of our Community, one day each week for the furtherance of a work so acceptable to the yearning Heart of our divine Lord."—SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME.

"You know, dear Father, this is an Indian Mission, and the people are poor. There are no white people on the Reservation. Very few of the Indians can read, except the school children. It is hard to interest them in reading matter. The Sisters have a Mite Box in school and try to interest the children to save their pennies to send to the foreign missions. Enclosed you will find one dollar subscription for THE FIELD AFAR. We shall read it to our little Indian children."—(From Sisters of Mercy in Maine.)

"Being desirous of securing some good books which will foster religious vocations among our Junior Holy Name boys, we consider none more fitting for this purpose than those advertised in THE FIELD AFAR. Although the Holy Name boys began their library but a year ago, they have at present two hundred and fifty Catholic books in it, paid for by their own efforts, which we trust will be the means of encouraging at least a few of them to make greater sacrifices in order to save souls for Christ.

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AT HAWTHORNE.

HAWTHORNE is abloom. The Harlem valley is carpeted with daisy-sprinkled green and the hills of Westchester look almost too attractive to leave, even for a while.

Our shell of a cottage, where frosted windows during the winter used to shake like an old man's teeth, laughing at our discomfort, looks positively picturesque and restful.



A SPRIG OF HAWTHORNE.

And so it is. And in our garden are fresh-scented lilacs, and—and the never-to-be-forgotten pump which no longer freezes, but will probably make love to a hot spring for the summer months, because the devil, we are convinced, is back of it somewhere.

Our group of secretaries and THE FIELD AFAR office are now housed under one roof. 'Told to get out,' and 'back to the woods.' These are the bitter facts, but the change is an agreeable one for all concerned, and there are no ghosts in the newly rented quarters.

We have a "brother," too, a German, formerly a mission student, well advanced in his studies but obliged to take up manual work, and thus avoid troubles caused by study. He will have a companion soon, a bright young American, and—who knows?—perhaps we have the nucleus of an active and progressive missionary brotherhood.

But our readers will be especially interested to know what we are going to do for students. Applications are coming in steadily and we are answer-

ing every letter although we cannot of course accept all who apply.

Some are too young and some are too old.

We have already booked several young men for the opening of our Seminary next September. They will enter upon the study of philosophy, and if any present themselves for higher studies we hope to be able to receive these also.

Candidates for Philosophy should have the necessary collegiate preparation, including Latin and Greek, a decided inclination for *missions to the heathen*, and the recommendation of a priest.

As for preparatory students,—unless we develop more rapidly than we anticipate we will not attempt just now to provide for such at Hawthorne. We intend, however, to direct boys and to keep in touch with them, and those who are fourteen years and over, and whose youthful hearts are longing to make great sacrifices 'for God and souls'—are invited to write to us.

Prospective students may address their letters to

The Reverend Superior,
Catholic Foreign Mission Society,
Hawthorne, New York.

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MARYKNOLL. This is not our post office, but will, with God's help and blessing, be the name of our future estate.

Some of the daily papers, followed by a well intentioned Catholic press,

A cent a foot, if given by enough Catholics, would supply our present and future need. So if the idea strikes some reader to settle for a hundred square feet of our territory, his dollar will be registered for that purpose.

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FIELD AFAR CIRCLE,—NO. 1.

There are seventeen members in this Circle, which has been established with the good will of a much interested parish priest, in one of the thriving towns of Western Massachusetts.

The members are adults, men and women, and in the fall they will add eight others, keeping the number habitually at twenty-five. Meetings are held in the homes of members.

The Circle is designed to aid, by prayer and occasional offerings, our new Seminary. Each member is interested in our *Apostles Aid*, giving a rosary every week and an occasional Communion.

Each is an Associate Subscriber to THE FIELD AFAR.

All have combined to secure, together, one or more shares in a burse, and have chosen the *St. Patrick Burse* as the recipient of their first gatherings. The mite-box serves this purpose and from time to time are added the proceeds of some social entertainment, such as a parlor whist.

We are naturally pleased to encourage this Circle, the first of its



MOSSY BANKS IN THE VALLEY BELOW.

have already given us a home and twenty acres of land.

As a matter of fact we have not a foot, but are making a steady and sure gain in the number of our FIELD AFAR subscribers,—the best friends of our work—and in the rising total of offerings.

kind, but we are best satisfied to know that it has not only the approbation but the active support of the pastor.

The name chosen by the members is very good, and we feel that the idea will inspire similar Circles elsewhere.

God prosper such spiritual enterprise!

THE GLEANER'S COLUMN.

AMONG the young priests who recently departed from the Paris Seminary for the mission field was Fr. Thomas Gavan Duffy, youngest son of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, K. C. M. G.

Fr. Duffy, was allowed, according to custom, to make a farewell visit to his relatives, who reside, some in England and Ireland, others at Nice in France.

He has been assigned to Pondichery, India, and our readers who, through THE FIELD AFAR, have already become acquainted with the writings of this young apostle, will be pleased to know that from his new post, Fr. Gavan Duffy will send to us an occasional budget.

One of his first letters revealed a kind of trial that some of us would prefer to have 'the other fellow' endure. To the young missionary it provided the subject of an essay which we give, with its moral, in the hope that its revelation of a real need will impress some of our readers.

RATS.

GOD created even rats, but there is a mud hut in *Thely*, where He comes at intervals, and the rats are quite wrath at the intrusion. The Archbishop of Pondichery (who provides the substance of these remarks) when passing there not long ago, had the audacity to say Mass in the *Thely* church; only an Orange meeting against Home Rule can give an idea of the excitement among the rats; it required the most energetic genuflections to produce, at intervals, the rightful fear of God among the whiskered people.

Rats!—But they are pets in comparison with the "white ants." When His Grace was making his first pastoral visit to this place, he thought it not unbecoming his dignity to doff his shoes at night; the indignation this time was in the ants' nest; now these creatures, being less timid than are Orangemen or rats, began to act, and when His Grace rose to an early Mass, there remained of his slippers only the ornamental, none of the effective properties! Since then His Grace on Confirmation journeys, keeps his slippers under whatever may be serving him as a pillow.

In *Thely*, indeed, better not wear slippers at all, for they are considered a luxury by all the local fauna. His Grace rescued a second pair from the jaws of a hungry hound, which, however, willingly exchanged them for a little petting, a luxury rarer still.

There is, of course, a moral to this story. This thatched mud-hut must be destroyed and a church built, the more so as the district has 3000 Christians. Against the rats we must have brick walls, against the ants a concrete flooring, and against the hound a solid door. To do this work properly will cost about \$500; and there is nothing yet in hand.

In the same diocese there are two future churches for which funds are already open; one is at Magaigur, where there are close upon 5000 Christians; their present church is one after the *Thely* model—one in which His Grace almost destroyed his mitre and the



FR. THOS. GAVAN-DUFFY, M. Ap.
Missioner in India.

roof in rising too suddenly from his "throne." There are nearly \$300 in hand for this church, but the sum must be doubled at least.

In Tindivanam there is a chapel built by the present superior of the Paris Seminary, Fr. Fleury, some thirty years ago. His district now contains 4000 Christians, exclusive of the inmates of two institutions. Now all these people, were they no larger than the rats with which we started, could not fit into the original church, built in the hardest times.

Were my object to enumerate the needs of this mission, I should issue all in 4 volumes; but my object just at present is to get help for one or two well-defined and quite tangible needs, leaving the rest to Divine Providence and the future.

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He said to him: Feed my sheep.
John XXI, 17.

The budget which we will look for regularly from our correspondent in Pondichery will appear in THE FIELD AFAR, for which it will be especially prepared under the title

THE GLEANER'S COLUMN.

This title has been chosen by Fr. Gavan-Duffy, now in truth, a Gleaner in the field afar. He asks that his name shall not 'bob up' so regularly as his writings, and since his beard is of an auburn hue, he naively suggests that, if signed at all, it shall be *Red Indian*. This savors of American prairies but we will adopt the pen name for our East Indian correspondent.

The missionary is an ambitious man, a "man of desire," a politician of God's Kingdom, with an end in view. The toilsome effort to which he has condemned his life is therefore both his only love, because the one means to that end, and his most deadening sorrow because so cruelly slow. We have resolved to give, henceforth, a column to his consolation in every issue of THE FIELD AFAR. For it is greatly helpful to be told that others realize our trials and so not blame us for them; it makes us more inclined to blame ourselves and less inclined to be discouraged.

As our spiritual insight develops with the help of sedulous cultivation, (says a friend's manuscript), we shall learn to discover in the seeming casual heaping of the boulders which aggressively threaten to bar our way, a carefully-graded ladder, a very Jacob's ladder, whereby God's angels descend to us, laden with blessings, and bid us follow them upward and onward towards the ever-receding, yet ever-beckoning goal of perfect attainment.

"The sower went out to sow his seed." The seed must seem to die ere it can live and grow. Our Lord did not say that the pepper tree, where the birds of heaven came and nested, grew from the tiniest of seeds in a single night. Europe has not been over-long enjoying the fruits of the seeds which the Apostles planted, seeds of Christian civilization and Catholic instinct. No, he truly spoke who said: "There is a frightful interval between the seed and the timber."

Keep the direction. You may be the only one in your district who is living the life Christ wishes. Live it strongly. If the air in one spot gets hot, it will rise and the rest will follow it; so you can "turn the wind."

There is nothing grander than the vocation of the missionary. The noble young man who gives himself to the apostolate might, instead, live in a civilized country and there win honors and happiness. In the sphere into which he was born he would certainly lead a useful life. But, heeding the Voice that speaks to his heart, he bids farewell to his country and dearest friends, leaves his studies and bright illusions, casts aside the splendid ambitions of youth and talent, and turns from a man's natural and worthy ideal of a home of his own and the love of wife and children.—René Bazin of the French Academy.

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PÈRE EMMANUEL'S VOCATION.

FROM THE FRENCH OF CHARLES D'AVONE.

By Alice Dease.

THE ceremonies of ordination which had begun at an early hour were drawing to a close, and before mid-day, the students who were now priests of God forever had returned to the seminary, and in the parlors their friends and relatives were gathering round them, each one eager to receive a blessing from the young hands, so lately consecrated. There was one among them who was welcomed only by a single relative. Neither Emmanuel Palmeau's father nor his mother had been able to attend his ordination, but now his uncle Timothy brought the news that he was eagerly awaited at home, and that the old *Curé* had arranged that he should say his first Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve in the old chapel on the Sandhills where he had made his First Communion and where the light to see his vocation had first been given to him.

Timothy Palmeau was stamped unmistakably by his profession. He was a seaman from head to foot, and it was his sloop which was to take the newly ordained priest home in time to say his First Mass on Christmas Eve.

It was early in the afternoon when they embarked, only themselves and two sailors, and the skipper counted on getting home before dark, unless indeed the wind that was blowing briskly in their favor burst too soon into the gale that was brewing away among the lowering clouds of the winter sky.

At first the little boat scudded along merrily, and the single passenger stood against the railings looking out over the waters to the city they were leaving far behind them. The towers of the Cathedral stood up over the other buildings, and the young man's mind went back to the scene of the morning, the solemnity of which was still fresh upon him. What work had God in store for him? Would his home be in the city, would his daily Mass be said in the Cathedral, or would it be in some country chapel, where, quietly and uneventfully the days would pass until he, in his turn should become a parish priest himself? Wherever his bishop sent him he would find work to do for God, and he prayed in his heart that wherever he was he might prove a worthy servant of the Master, Who in giving him a vocation to the priesthood had given him such a precious thing. He was used, since childhood, to the sea and he was disquieted by the coming storm only

because he was beginning to fear that the boat would not be able to reach the port, for which they were bound, before midnight.

The white crests of the waves were breaking all around him and while the sailors worked, furling the sail which was now becoming a danger to them, his uncle bade him go below before the little deck was entirely swept by the rising waters.

It was very dark in the single cabin and the boat was rolling so that Emmanuel was obliged to creep into one of the deep bunks, and lie there listening to the storm now roaring about them, and praying that God would watch over them, and guide them into safety.

"Oh, my God," he prayed, "You are Lord of the sea as well as of Heaven and Earth. You can bring us in safety to land. Our lives are yours to do with as you please. Have you put me in the midst of this storm to show me that my priestly life will be surrounded by the storm and stress of sin and temptation. But I do not fear bodily or spiritual dangers for

sloop went down, down, and the green waters dashed over her as though to blot her out of existence forever.

The men on the deck, lashed to their places, were drenched and torn by the angry waters, and below in the cabin the solitary occupant thought that indeed his last hour had come. Then once again the gallant little vessel righted herself, and the flash of the lighthouse showed that they were not so far after all from the safety of the bay, in which their haven lay.

"My God," cried the young priest. "Is this to be the end of my priestly life? Am I never to have the privilege of exercising the powers that I received from You only this morning in ordination? Am I not worthy to work as the humblest laborer in your vineyard? Oh, Saviour of mankind, if there is no work for me to do for you in France, think of the countries where priests are needed so sorely. Take me now if it is Your Will, but if my unworthiness is not too great, spare me to work for You among



FOREIGN MISSION STUDENTS AT MANUAL LABOR.

myself, for You are with me, now and always. I am Your priest and so long as I call on You for help You cannot forsake me."

"Emmanuel," came a voice, barely audible through the raging of the storm. "Emmanuel, we can do no more. We are lost unless God Himself saves us. Pray, you—"

Timothy Palmeau was not a man to give up hope until things were really desperate, and, as he spoke, the main mast which had been groaning and creaking almost like a creature in agony, snapped off and fell on the deck with such a thud that the little

those who have never even heard Your name."

The thought of volunteering for the foreign missions had never come before to Emmanuel Palmeau. He had looked forward to exercising his priestly functions in some quiet French parish near to his own people, with maybe his mother or sister to keep his house for him; but now, in the darkness and clamor of the storm, a wish to make God known and loved in that part of the vineyard where the harvest was ready but the laborers few, sprang into being in his heart. It was not life for its own sake that he

asked for himself,—that he asked for his uncle and the sailors,—but for himself he asked only for time to serve God more nearly, to love Him more dearly than he had done before. *Fiat voluntas Tua*, he prayed,—that God's will might be done, whether it was to take him now, a priest who never had celebrated Mass, or to leave him to work in the exile of the mission fields. And God, seeing that the thought He had put into the heart of this young priest was so generously met, answered his prayer and spared his life. Once in the shelter of the great natural bay, the wind which outside had been their enemy, came to their help, and though with only small masts and sails, the sloop made the haven just as the bells from the chapel on the sandhills were ringing out for midnight Mass.

They were all gathered on the little wooden pier to welcome him,—father, mother, brothers and sisters, little, scarcely known nephews and nieces and old friends who remembered his own childish days. But Emmanuel hardly saw them all. His mother went on her knees to ask his blessing, but throwing his arms about her he bade her wait till his first Mass was said. Never in the history of that sailor's chapel had quite such a scene as this been witnessed before.

The midnight hour: the young priest saved almost miraculously from drowning, saying his first Mass with the old Curé who had baptized him as his *aide*.

Forty years of work in China, work of which the world knew little, but how many thousand souls helped to the knowledge of God and ministered to, in all those years! No one on earth can tell, only when at Christmas time in the year 1904 Père Emmanuel Palmeau passed to his reward. Those of his brother missionaries who knew the story of his call to the foreign missions affirmed with sure and certain hope that the Master who had spared his life many years before would greet him now that death had really come with the welcome words "well done."

When a book goes into three editions the fact speaks well for the character of its contents. This is not a novel. It is the story of what just one very unassuming but very earnest Jesuit did in his all too short career. It is also the story of the carrying of the gospel to Alaska and the frozen north. Father Judge sacrificed his life in his endeavor to carry the message of salvation to those who were not possessed of it. The book is well printed, illustrated and bound. Catholic fathers and mothers can find no better book for their boys than this intensely interesting record of AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

—Catholic Union and Times (Buffalo).

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE recently appointed bishop of Des Moines, Rt. Rev. Austin Dowling, D.D., had been a staunch friend of foreign missions for many years.

THE FIELD AFAR has good friends in Kalamazoo, Michigan. We remember the name from boyhood, but we did not dare until recently to associate it with the foreign mission cause.

WITH much interest we learn that the Blessed Martyr, Théophane Vénard, has a relative in this country, the superioress of a convent at Newport, Vermont.

THE support of a student, preparing, in this country, for the priesthood, averages \$250.00 a year. Five thousand dollars, therefore, is the lowest possible amount on which to reckon for a perpetual foundation.

A SUBSCRIBER in one of the Southern States is deeply interested in the Blessed Théophane Vénard and promises to secure a share (fifty dollars) in his burse.

This devoted friend adds: "I would send the whole \$5000 if I could."

A Reading Circle organized in honor of the Blessed Sacrament has sent us from Massachusetts, an offering of five dollars for the Seminary. Along with this gift is one, more precious, the promise of a weekly rosary and a monthly Communion from all the members.

WE find many people who, though unable to contribute fifty dollars towards one of the burses already specified, desire to give what they can to be applied to a burse. For this purpose we have organized an *All Souls' Burse*, which will be made up of contributions of any denomination, however small, if made for the souls in purgatory.

A COMMUNITY of Notre Dame Nuns in Massachusetts has sent us, in the last few months, three hundred subscriptions and is at work on the fourth hundred.

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WESTCHESTER county seems to have sent her sons even to the Atlantic Coast. One writes from Salem, Mass.:

Enclosed please find an order for one dollar, payment for THE FIELD AFAR for two years, 1912 and 1913, and I will remember your intentions when I receive Holy Communion, and at prayer whenever I think of it. I was very much pleased when I read where the new Mission Seminary is to be—Westchester County, where I was born, and I am sorry that I cannot send more to help out in the good work."

SISTERHOODS in Holland, devoted to the foreign missions, include:

*The White Sisters.
The Lyons African Sisters.
Sisters of the Holy Blood.
Sisters of the Holy Ghost. [Steyl.]
Ursulines.
Dominicans.
Sisters of Veuray.
Franciscans of Heyshires.
Franciscans of Echt.
Sisters of St. Anthony.
Sisters of Divine Providence.
Filles de la Sagesse.*

Sisters in the United States devoted to the foreign missions include—
(Write if you are interested.)

FRIENDS have been discovering our need and we are grateful for many gifts received lately: Among others we acknowledge a goodly number of excellent books from Fr. Wm. J. Stewart of St. Mark's Church, New York City; a community table, and strip of sanctuary carpet from Westfield, Mass., a sanctuary lamp and supply of oil from a group of interested friends in Roxbury, Mass., vestments from a Boston priest, altar-linen from sisters of Mercy in Olean, N. Y., a chalice from the Tabernacle Society (S. H. Convent, Phila.) and altar panels from Mr. Alex S. Locke of Brooklyn. We need a couple of plain albs and a monstrance.

A NEW ENGLAND Protestant, a gentleman well known among editorial workers, writes:

I am right glad to have the current number of THE FIELD AFAR—as for that I am always pleased with its arrival—because of its particular information as to the grand approval of your good work by the American Archbishops, the Apostolic Delegate to this country, and His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, the “grand old man” of your Church in the United States. What a splendid recompense for many years of patient, loving, and successful propaganda of the missionary spirit, both at home and abroad. You and I, dear Father Walsh, are not of the same Church, it is true, yet we are trying, each as he best understands and believes, to do that which is right and devoted, and therein lies my profound respect for your blessed work in fields near and far. May God bless you and help you in the noble new Seminary work upon which you are about to enter!

Kindly accept the enclosed check for \$5.00 as my contribution to the fund you are bound to need, and believe me to be,

Yours most sincerely.

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EDWARD A. MORSE, former Professor of Zoölogy in the Imperial University of Tokyo, Japan, gives in his “*Glimpses of China and Chinese Homes*,” the following tribute to the Catholic missionary:

“As I left the City (Shanghai) at twilight, after my brief experience within its walls, and glanced back through the gateway to take a last look at its narrow streets and low buildings, and recalled the mass of filth, misery, and small-pox, I noticed a Jesuit priest with heavy black beard and unmistakable French face, but dressed in full Chinese costume. He was entering the city, in which he lived surrounded by all this squalor and misery. I could not help admiring his noble devotion, and could readily understand why the Catholics make such progress in China in comparison with that made by the missionaries of other sects, who usually live in the foreign settlement, associated with many of the comforts of their more sinful brethren. I further realized that a convert of this priest might compare notes with a Catholic convert in Thibet or Cochin China, and there would be no divergence of doctrines in the minutest particular.”

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A PROMINENT official in one of our best-known Catholic Societies has kindly sent us a letter which he lately received and which we have read with interest followed by a hope that still endures:

No doubt you are aware that a Seminary for training apostolic men for foreign missions is soon to be started at Hawthorne, N.Y.—a work upon which Heaven smiles with approval. The—have been called upon on many occasions for their purse, and the more generous they are the richer they become.

Let all the noble—consider it a privilege to contribute their mite to this new enterprise which our present Pope has so highly recommended.

An appeal would meet with an enthusiastic and universal response. Kindly make it soon and allow the—to head the roll of honor.

Yours in the Apostolic Cause,
(Signed) Priest and member of the

Texas.

FROM THE HOME OF BLESSED CHANEL.

IT was the editor's privilege, about six years ago, to visit in France a little village called *Cuet*, the birthplace of Blessed Chanel, a Marist father, and the first martyr of Oceania.

On this occasion the curé, a young priest full of piety and zeal, was most kind, enabling the writer to gather much interesting data and presenting him to the surviving relatives of the martyr.

The little church at *Cuet* has become a pilgrimage centre, and many ardent Catholics go regularly to pray there before the relics of the Blessed. The church itself, as we remember, was a somewhat dilapidated little structure, standing for several cen-



BLESSED PETER CHANEL, S.M.

turies, an almost formless mound of stones. The curé was most anxious even then to begin the construction of a new church, but he had neither the permission nor the money necessary.

He writes now that he has the permission and is going to try and raise the money. France will have to be his harvest-field, as he is hardly known elsewhere; but the good priest feels that here in America, as elsewhere, the Blessed Chanel has made some friends who will gladly contribute their mite to build a sanctuary around his relics in the little village that gave him birth.

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HOW the seed has been falling is evident from the following extracts taken out of the letter of an aspiring apostolic soul:

“About five years ago I read an account of Mother Mary Paul's mission in Uganda, by Fr. Dunn. There was something in it that appealed to me very much and since then I have hoped to leave everything to gain heaven souls to God and work out my own salvation if it is God's will.”

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

IN the course of an interesting article published on Cochin, China, in the latest issue of the *Annales de la Société des Missions Etrangères*, the writer, Fr. Cadière, says:

“Some imagine that a missionary must have a special kind of temperament. This is a mistake. In the Seminary at Paris, and also on the Mission, I have seen all kinds of temperaments. Of some, we could say, that they were made to spend their days in a Benedictine monastery, and to compile manuscripts; of others, that they would not be out of place among the Sulpicians, for they have the gravity and reserve of the directors of the Grand Seminary. I have seen the Flemish-born, calm and phlegmatic, working side by side with the impetuous and lighthearted Burgundians of the gay and exuberant South. Only those wanting in zeal or self-sacrifice are unfit for the work of the Apostolate.

The rules of our Society fix the age limit for admission at thirty-five. Indeed, one ought to be young to learn languages so different from ours, and so difficult to acquire.

One should be young in order to adapt oneself to the life of the missions, to accustom oneself to the ways and the food of the people, and to the climate of the country.

All this entails much and varied suffering, physical and moral, which often lasts a lifetime, but which a young missionary can better accommodate himself to as years go by, than one who is older.”

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INTERESTED Vincentian students of Germantown, Pa., are spreading a knowledge of THE FIELD AFAR to their friends.

AUSTRIA AND THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

[A priest well-known in Austria has prepared for us the following summary of foreign mission enterprise in Austria. We understand that there is no national seminary for foreign missions in Austria, but certainly outside organizations have been made welcome.—Ed.]

UP to the present time the old empire of Austria-Hungary has had little to do in other continents, yet the inhabitants of this country, many of them from noble families, have been very active in foreign mission work, as the following statistics show:

For the sole purpose of aiding Catholic missions in foreign countries there are in Austria:

1. The foundation of St. Leopold.
2. The army for the Holy Land.
3. The Union of the Workers for Palestine
4. The Union of the Immaculate Conception for missions in the Orient.
5. St. Mary's Union for African Missions (Sudan).
6. St. Peter Claver Sodality for African Missions.
7. The Ladies' Mission Union.
8. The two large societies, The Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood, which are doing good work in this country.

In addition there is the Apostolate of St. Cyril and Methodius whose chief purpose is to unite the schismatic Slavic peoples with Rome.

Of the religious orders engaged in foreign mission work there are four of the old type with nine seminaries, and ten societies of recent date possessing 17 seminaries with numerous candidates. Five orders of religious women assist in this great cause.

The largest seminary is St. Gabriel's mission house of the Society of the Divine Word at Moedling, near Vienna. In July, 1911, the students of Divinity and Philosophy numbered about 500.

Mission magazines, pamphlets, almanacs, and books bearing exclusively or chiefly on foreign missions are issued as follows:

German language.....	15
Italian language.....	6
Polish language.....	6
Hungarian language.....	5
Bohemian language.....	3
Slavic language.....	2
Latin language.....	1
Rumanian language.....	1

The money spent in a year sometimes amounts to 1,000,000 crowns, i. e., about \$200,000.

FR. ALLARD'S DEPARTURE.

"GLOBE-TROTTER" is one of the few English words that appear from time to time in the newspapers of Continental Europe. We are tempted to apply it to our good friend Fr. Germain Allard, who has for some months past been making *Burmah*,—the land where he left a large portion of his heart,—a household word in the two Americas.



FR. GERMAIN ALLARD, P. F. M.
Our Burmese globe-trotter, ready for work, after his long trip in search of the wherewithal.

Fr. Allard was expected to die about a year and a half ago. Our Blessed Lady obtained his cure at Lourdes and since then, without a day's illness, in season and out of season, from princes of the blood and from those of lowly estate, in his native France, in Great Britain and Canada, in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and across the Continent to So. America, he has been seeking the wherewithal to establish a vital work for souls in *Burmah*.

Like all in his class he has had days of torture and days of triumph. A soliciting missionary knows what it is

to be honored and he learns also the exact meaning of the word 'snub.' To him, if his spirit be right, it is all for God and souls, including his own which needs its discipline.

We recall hearing of two Little Sisters of the Poor who were begging one day at Faneuil Hall Market in Boston. A rough stall-keeper whom they approached cursed at them, telling them to get out.

They remained standing, perfectly still, and when the bigot, for such he was, had exhausted his epithets, one of them quietly said:

"That was for us. Will you give us something now for our old people?"

Fr. Allard has had his experiences but he is gratified by many kindnesses received at the hands of American Catholics.

We were glad to have met him and feel that he has done much to strengthen in this country the rising spirit of missions.

He is a fine type of the zealous missionary, so many of whom, like himself, were trained in that nursery of martyrs, the Paris Seminary for Foreign Missions.

Fr. Allard left New York on the 30th of May, for France, his native land, and *Burmah*, his home. God speed and prosper him, and bring graces to his benefactors!

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WE are just now getting the benefit, for our work and its friends, of some splendid co-operation:

Three Masses and 900 Rosaries each week;

1400 Holy Communions and 1600 Masses heard, each month.

If you will add to these figures send for an Apostles' Aid Card.

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Pray ye, therefore.

You, who have time and inclination for devotions; you, whose vocation brings you daily into the Real Presence; to you, above all, is given a splendid opportunity to win souls by prayers of petition.

TO AND FROM MISSIONERS.

IN view of a revision in our lists, we ask our missionary correspondents for the following information:

Their briefest possible address.

Does the Field Afar arrive regularly?

Will they also kindly assure us of special prayers every Friday for our benefactors?

We would request, besides a Mass memento from themselves, a rosary from the devout members of their flocks, and some special prayers from the little ones,—since God loves such especially.

Our missionaries will please notify us as soon as mass-offerings have been received. These invariably should accompany the list of intentions, and there will also be found in our envelope, a receipt form to be signed, which will serve as an acknowledgment.

We are glad to remark that our mission correspondents have in the past been most prompt, and we appreciate this trait so much the more since they are often without facilities of communication.

And in regard to photographs.—These are always acceptable, but we are anxious (although at present our own means are slender) to defray whatever expense has been undergone on account of us. We ask therefore, that on the back of each photograph the sender write his name, address, (country, diocese or vicariate, and mission), as also a few lines describing the subject. We file all our photographs in special albums, under proper geographical heads, so that we can use them at any moment.

Many are still waiting to see the light, but their time will come.

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THE human consolations which a Catholic priest receives on a remote mission are few, and the following lines from an Irish priest in Central Africa, will certainly reward his benefactor who will probably read them in these columns:

For some considerable time I have been receiving your valuable and interesting Journal, *THE FIELD AFAR*. I have no idea who the good soul is that has been giving me the pleasure of reading it in my far distant mission of Amadi, Belgian Congo, but I desire to thank him or her most heartily for the pleasure the reading of it gave me in my travels round my various school chapels. In these journeys I usually cover 700 miles.

It is wonderful what courage and zeal it gives to the fagged body and to the tired spirit to read the soul-inspiring records of what other missionaries are doing and braving for God under adverse circumstances. It is surprising how it spurs us on to do our little best for God and souls, to work for the extension of the reign of Christ in the equatorial regions which are being so marvelously opened up to Christianity.

FROM the Scheut Fathers (Belgium Foreign Missions), we learn that several of their number in Eastern Asia speak English. These include Bishop Otto of Kansu, Bishop Van Aertsclaer, of Kalgau, Fr. Seys, of Shengking and Fr. Morel, of Saratsi,—all of China.

We are sending to each a copy of *THE FIELD AFAR*.



WHERE THE STYLES ARE TOO GOOD TO CHANGE.

A Kissi Youth.

FATHER BURNS, one of our zealous correspondents in Eastern Africa, writes the good news that two more priests have arrived in Uganda from Mill Hill, thus making it possible to start two new missions.

Of one of these missions which seems to have a pet name, *Kissi*, Fr. Burns says that he knows the place well and that the prospects for religion among its people are very bright. He adds:

They are a Bantu tribe, and have no bad traits—such as hemp smoking and were very keen on having a mission in their midst.

I made a journey among the villages and was received in a very friendly way by all. I explained to them the near advent of missionaries and that their help would be required to erect the necessary buildings. They all promised to assist not only in building but

Blessed Théophane Vénard

His life and letters are published under the title

A Modern Martyr

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also in sending their children to the mission. The Rev. Father Wall of Waterford was sent to start the mission and has so far experienced no difficulties. The Government officials are also very favourably disposed towards the mission and are helping by impressing on the Chiefs the necessity of sending their children for education.

I hope the photos will be of use and assist in your difficult task.

With very many kinds regards,

Yours thankfully in Xt.,

FRANCIS M. BURNS.

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BISHOP FAISANDIER, of Trichinopoly, India, promises us a Rosary every Friday for a year,—to be applied for our work

Several score of other missionaries,—bishops, priests, brothers and nuns have given us similar assurances of a co-operation that is especially precious.

It is said that St. Teresa by her prayers converted as many souls as the great St. Francis Xavier.

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FR. FRASER, of Ning-po, China, had a rather stormy passage across the Pacific. He wrote to us as he was arriving in Japan.

A Fr. Galvin was his companion, and among the passengers were two Protestant missionaries, with their wives and children.

They were Methodists bound for China to 'boom' the Y. M. C. A. Their names were *Brace* and *Kelly*.

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MISS MARIE CECILE LIANG, our Chinese correspondent at Chefoo, China, has heard about the newly proposed seminary. In a recent letter she sent us a new subscription to *THE FIELD AFAR*, in favor of one of her friends, and adds the following lines:

"I find *THE FIELD AFAR* very interesting, and like it very much. I am constantly praying for the success of your Seminary and hope it will give a lot of workers for God.

I must close as I am short of news. Please bless me.

I remain, yours respectfully,

MARIE CECILE LIANG

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Send for a Seminary mite-box.

AMERICA'S APOSTLES.

YOUTHS or young men, who feel a strong desire to toil for the souls of heathen people, and who are willing to go afar with no hope of earthly recompense, and with no guarantee of a return to their native land, are encouraged to write, marking their letters personal.

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WE acknowledge, with thanks to Fr. Sylvester Espelage, one of our American boys in China, the receipt of a little pamphlet, full of useful information on the Franciscan missions of that country and Japan during 1909-1910.

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THE new edition of *An American Missionary* will be sold for fifty cents. We cannot do this and realize any material profit, but we believe in indirect results. We know that this book will bring many a friend to us, and, with God's grace, turn the steps of young apostles to our doors.

We hope, as soon as the present edition of *A Modern Martyr* is exhausted to issue that popular work at the same price as *An American Missionary*.

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AN exchange writes of *An American Missionary*:

The arrival of this notable book from the American Catholic Foreign Mission Society indicates at once the wide-awakeness of the management. They want to reach the Catholic masses and stir up the sluggish missionary blood. No better medium could they use than the republishing of this well known volume. Father Judge was a simple American boy, who was inspired by God to perform gigantic tasks for religion in the frozen Alaskan missions. The book is edited by his brother, Father Charles Judge, S.S. It is mainly composed of a long series of letters, written on land and sea whilst travelling to or from the various camps of his Yukon missionary field. The simple and honest narration of Father Judge, who never thought of the possibility of their being published, makes of the book a blood red missionary record that is little short of marvellous. A product of America, Father Judge will appeal to our own people particularly. When properly circulated and read it will do much to foster vocations to the Catholic foreign missions. Since the days of the heroic Joggles, it is hard to read of any such sacrifice and devotion to the cause of religion as shown by Father Judge to the poor benighted Indians of his Yukon mission.

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THE FIELD AFAR should be a means of drawing many young men to a love for the priesthood. After all, it is not so difficult to leave home as one ordinarily believes it to be. I am over 4000 miles from my home in the archdiocese of Boston, Mass., and I don't mind it. A young priest soon

makes friends in these distant places, and learns to love the souls that are intrusted to his care. The rest is then easy and one seldom feels lonely or homesick. After all, what does it matter in what part of God's vineyard we are, so long as we succeed in gathering in the stray sheep into the fold and save our own souls along with the others which we are instruments in saving?

Begging God's choicest blessing on the new Seminary and assuring you of my best wishes and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



FR. KILLION—LOOKING WESTWARD.

FATHER JOHN KILLION, formerly of Brookline, Mass., seems quite contented in his Philippine home. He writes, dating his letter Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, 1912.

DEAR FR. WALSH:—

Of course from Seminary days I have been very much interested in all your work, but now it interests me more than ever, and Bishop Foley is always speaking enthusiastically of THE FIELD AFAR. Oh, but we enjoyed the Feb.-March number, which reached us April third. It was great reading, not just because "Too-gay-garaho" received such a dandy set-up, but because your own

little notes were so hopeful and because all the other stories were so good and all the commendations so sincere and so hearty.

I am sending you a little photo showing the house cassock used here. On account of the heat everyone wears a white cassock in the house, I have a title for this picture. Getting off a letter for THE FIELD AFAR.

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Any young apostle who can secure twelve subscribers for *The Field Afar* should write to Fr. Ignatius for a list book and start this good work without delay.

In this way a boy or a girl can begin, even while young, to do real apostolic work.

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Every Friday in the Year.

THE Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for our associate-subscribers and for all other benefactors, living and dead, of our society.

EVERY day special prayers are offered for these benefactors.

HOLY COMMUNION and the Rosary are offered every Friday by many hundreds of people now—soon by thousands—for the intentions of our Society.

FROM Mission Lands in various sections of the world assurances are given to us of similar co-operation for our new work and its benefactors.

LAST and not least—Our Holy Father sends his Apostolic Blessing, not only to the founders but "also to our beloved children, the benefactors, who will help to carry out this work."

We ask a remembrance for the living,—our Associate Subscribers, all of whom desire the spiritual advantages of a share in our labors; also for the dead, for whom relatives and friends seek similar advantages.

Through benefactions in favor of the latter our missionaries are supplied with THE FIELD AFAR.

Q If opposite to this paragraph there is a red hand, it means that your subscription has expired.

AROUSING THE SPIRIT.

ONE who has the vow of poverty may not be able directly to benefit the cause of foreign missions in a material way. We are certain, however, that such souls may, by earnest and insistent co-operation in prayer do much more than this for heathen peoples,—for our self-exiled missionaries and for vocations in America.

And there are some even in the cloister, who find occasional opportunities to suggest a subscription to THE FIELD AFAR.

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TWO statuettes of Blessed Vénard have gone to a Missionary School in Hartford, the first in answer to this letter written by the priest in charge:

I spoke to the boys about getting the statue of Blessed Vénard, and paying for it themselves as a little means to interest them in the Missions. The plan is working well and little "mites" are being collected. So, please, send the statue—ivory finish.

Asking a little remembrance in your prayers and with best wishes for your great work,

I remain yours very truly,

P.S. We are reading "Four Martyrs of Tonkin," in the refectory and like it very much.

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A FINE soul is revealed here,—worthy of its Director:

"Our Director, at the meeting Sunday urged us to pray hard for the success of the new Seminary, and mentioned Friday as a day set aside for that cause. I will offer a Rosary every Friday and my Mass and Holy Communion on one Friday in the month.

I am enclosing one dollar for an *Associate Subscription* in favor of 'The Most Abandoned Soul;' and THE FIELD AFAR can be sent to some missionary or institution.

Trusting that God will bless your new labors, I remain

Hoping to be a missionary."

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WE are praying and having prayers said for all Associate Subscribers, living and dead. Masses are offered for these every Friday, also Communions and special prayers.

We are also gradually securing the co-operation of missionaries and their simple flocks in all parts of the heathen world.

In this country, too, our 'Apostles, Aid' members, in reality a goodly number, in prospect a vast host, will join with the above, that they may help those through whom we are helped.

We ask our readers to render us regular service by prayers—(why not the Friday Rosary and a monthly Communion?) and to include always our benefactors in their suffrages.

THE EAST AND WEST.

THE charming photograph which appears on this page comes to us from Fr. Aelen of Madras, India, who writes:

"I daresay you must feel happy that you are so far and that you can begin practical work. I compare your position with the one of a missionary who starts a new mission. The building of a house and church takes a good deal of time, and all the while his mind is full of ideas of getting innumerable converts. May the building of your college be



MOTHERING THE BABES OF GOD.

Photo sent by Fr. Aelen of Madras, India.

finished very soon, and may it then be filled soon with students.

We on the field follow with the greatest interest the developing of the college. We all are convinced that much more could be done, and that the struggle with the American Protestants is getting harder every day. We welcome therefore the opening of the new college and hope and pray that God may bless it.

You can tell your future students that missionary life here is not so bad. Plenty to eat, plenty of space to sleep, plenty of work, plenty of consolation! What do they want more? The only thing the missionary is often in want of is money. But Providence looks after his missionaries. I trust in Him, and when this year is past I hope to write you that

If you are already a subscriber and feel that these pages are helping you to realize more fully the mission of the Church, and the sacrifices of present-day apostles, extend this influence to others—at least to one.

Odds and ends of silver will be most acceptable as gifts to the Seminary. Broken jewelry, mutilated coins, old watches, stick pins, cuff-buttons, etc., etc., IF CONTAINING GOLD OR SILVER, can be turned into practical use. Tell us what you have and we will give explicit directions.

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AS the offerings (one dollar each) made in favor of *Memorial Associate-Subscribers* enable us to forward THE FIELD AFAR to missionaries, we urge the latter especially to pray and secure prayers for these souls, among whom we have lately enrolled the following:

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I have been able to realize my cherished scheme, viz., an orphanage and boarding house for poor Pariah boys. Wishing you all possible success with your undertaking, I am,

Yours in Xto.,

J. AELEN, Jr.

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THE FRIEND IN NEED.

AS we go to press we receive news of the intended gift of one thousand dollars towards a bursar. The generous offering will come from a priest, a domestic prelate in the State of Washington.

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NO suggestion yet made in the columns of this paper has met so gratifying a response as our call for *Associate Subscriptions*, at one dollar each.

These have been taken out by many, some in favor of the dead, for whom spiritual advantages are secured, while the subscription is destined to some needy missionary, or elsewhere.

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A GIFT of one hundred dollars was placed in our hands recently, with the request that it be used to help defray necessary expenses at the beginning of our new work, the Foreign Mission Seminary. A thoughtful gift was this and twice welcome because much needed. We learn that it was the result of a 'Charity Whist' encouraged by the local pastor of our benefactors.

Under the shadow of the above, we wish to place the following, from a pastor in New England.

As the best way in my power to help your grand new work, I am enclosing check for \$25.00, to send 100 copies of THE FIELD AFAR for 1912 to our Parochial School. I hope its distribution there will draw down a blessing on the school and, above all, missionary vocations among its boys and girls.

Could you speak here some Sunday evening on your work. If so, mention what Sundays are open and I will at once mark off one of them.

Yours sincerely,

We shall be pleased to correspond with any bookkeeper interested in our work.

A RELIGIOUS in Rhode Island, one who is much interested in our work, writes:

"Though four new churches are being built in our little state, yet I have hopes that our Foreign Mission Seminary may claim many 'mites,' if only we talk about it; and therefore I ask for a few mite boxes.

The prayers of Thanksgiving have been offered and we hope that though this is the smallest state it will have the honor of sending some of the first missionaries from the United States."

Thanks be to God for the gleam of light we now see! There have been times in the past when it seemed as if my heart and soul would burst because of the terrible indifference of our people towards this greatest of all works.

But of course I was wrong. God does things His own wise way—so slowly and quietly, and taking in, first this one, and

then that one, to help in the work that is built stone by stone. Nevertheless, it is hard for an earnest Catholic to be reconciled to this slow growth, especially for the reason that all Protestants have to do is to pack up fine, fat grips at a moment's notice,—go off to the foreign fields,—spread out their attractive belongings—and lo!—the thousands are lost to the Truth.

You may be sure that I shall always remember you in my prayers.

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THE Knights of Columbus have many occasions to exercise the virtue of Charity, and we are gratified to feel that the Foreign Mission Cause begins to appeal to their ever widening sympathies.

Here is an instance:

Accompanying this note you will find check for \$5.00 which henceforth is to be the little annual contribution to THE FIELD AFAR of our local Council No. 133, K. of C. of Greenfield, Mass.

It was my suggestion at a recent meeting to extend our charitable work and adopt a plan that would have Christian Charity as its foundation, by extending a helping hand, even though it was a small one, to those who need such human assistance.

THE 'friend' alluded to below is a well-known pastor in the Fall River diocese. We have never had the pleasure of meeting him, but the gift reveals the priest:

I enclose check for fifty dollars in payment of annual subscription to THE FIELD AFAR, balance to be devoted to apostolic work that you have lately undertaken.

Praying that every heavenly blessing may attend your labors, I remain,

Yours in Xt.,

FRIEND.

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OUR zealous friend, Fr. Basil Huc-tin, is publishing in Tonkin, at his printing press a little pamphlet destined to keep the Catholic people of Poitiers, his native diocese, in touch with his two brothers, both missionary priests, his sister, a missionary nun, and himself.

TO the Rev. C. J. Rooney, C.S.S.P., we owe a pamphlet on the Catholic Portuguese Missions of Angola, Africa.

Fr. Rooney, who is now pastor at Portsmouth, Narraganset Bay, in the Providence diocese, was formerly Procurator-general of the mission about which he writes.

This pamphlet is a reprint from the *Journal of Race Development*, and contains, in substance, a lecture delivered by the writer at Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

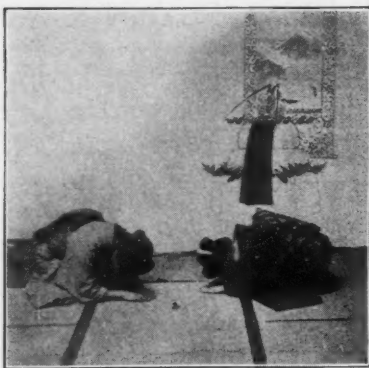
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APOSTLES' AID.

(Send for a Card)

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